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YUGOSLAVIA: Montenegro Leaders Resign

Renewed demonstrations yesterday by about 120,000 in Titograd, the capital of Montenegro, forced Montenegro's federal representatives and the entire republic leadership to resign, pending acceptance by the local party and legislative bodies. Demonstrators from Vojvodina, where supporters of Serbian party leader Milosevic had toppled the provincial leadership last fall—joined the initially spontaneous Titograd protests; some carried Milosevic placards. Federal and regional leaders have failed to support the Montenegro leadership.

The demonstrations probably were triggered by the deep-seated resentments over the republic leaders' inability to deal with basic economic and labor grievances. The appearance of pro-Milosevic supporters on the second day may indicate he is taking advantage of the demonstrations to ensure that a pro-Serb leadership is installed. If his sympathizers come to dominate the republic leadership, Milosevic would be encouraged to renew his quest for national preeminence by manipulating legitimate grassroots grievances in other regions.

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